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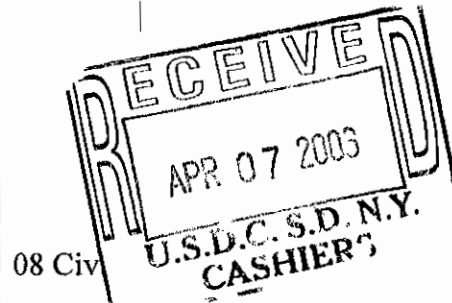
VOC BULK SHIPPING (USA) INC.,

Petitioner,

-against-

RENSSELAER IRON & STEEL, INC.,

Respondent.



RULE 7.1 STATEMENT


08 civ. 3418(DC)

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 (formerly Local General Rule 1.9) and to enable Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for Petitioner certifies that VOC BULK SHIPPING (USA) INC. has no corporate parent or publicly held corporation which owns 10% or more of its stock.

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Respectfully submitted,
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